



July 22, 2005

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Complaints, Examination and Legal Administration
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR5670

Dear Mr. Jordan,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 12, 2005 stating that a complaint had been filed against Kenner Professional Women's Association (KPWA) alleging a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Specifically, the allegation is that KPWA held a campaign event on August 17, 2004 and donated in some way to the campaign of Bobby Jindal. We have read the complaint and it is my position and that of the Board of Directors that we are not in violation of the Act.

The By-Laws of KPWA specifically prohibit the organization from political activity in Article I, Section 2 which reads, "This association shall not officially endorse or oppose any candidate seeking election to public office." See Exhibit "A" attached.

The luncheon on August 17, 2004 was a regular monthly meeting of KPWA at which Bobby Jindal spoke on the topic of "Healthcare in the United States and the State of Louisiana". He was asked to speak on Healthcare because it was a topic of great interest to our members, and he is a well known expert in this field having served as health policy advisor to President Bush and as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Mr. Jindal did indeed speak on the subject of Healthcare at that meeting. Mr. Jindal nor KPWA made any effort to solicit support for or contributions to Mr. Jindal's campaign. There was no political activity at this event.

There was no benefit to Mr. Jindal. He graciously gave his time and expertise to benefit our members. No donation of any kind was given to the Friends of Bobby Jindal or the campaign of Bobby Jindal by KPWA. As we do with all our guest speakers, we paid for his lunch and gave him a box of candy as a token of our appreciation. All proceeds from the luncheon were retained in the

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Treasury of KPWA. Please see sworn affidavit by the Treasurer for 2004 (Exhibit "B").

I have attached copies of the Registration Form for the luncheon (Exhibit "C"), the pertinent article in our Newsletter (Exhibit "D"), and my Introduction of Mr. Jindal actually used on August 17, 2004 (Exhibit "E"). None of these documents refer to Mr. Jindal as a candidate for Congress. He is referred to as the guest speaker "Bobby Jindal" who will speak on "Healthcare in the United States and Louisiana."

At issue in Mr. Zimmerman's complaint is a check from the City of Kenner in the amount of \$225.00. As per our registration form, this amount secured one (1) table or eight (8) meals. Numerous business organizations bought tables at this luncheon in support KPWA and our generous donations to charities.

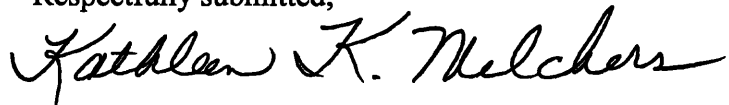
We view the free inclusion of the organization's activities in the Times Picayune's Calendar of Events as a public service announcement for those who wish to hear a particular speaker on a specific subject. The announcement referred to in Mr. Zimmerman's letter described Mr. Jindal as a congressional candidate who would speak on the subject of "Healthcare in the United States and Louisiana." It certainly did not advocate the nomination, election or defeat of Mr. Jindal.

Certainly, Mr. Jindal had the right to speak to KPWA on Healthcare while running for office. In FEC Advisory Opinion No. 1992-6, the commission held that a person involved in a federal campaign could make an appearance at an event to talk about subject matter of which he was very knowledgeable and it did not relate to the campaign. In that Opinion, the commission stated that it has determined that financing activities involving the participation of a Federal candidate will result in a contribution or expenditure on behalf of that candidate if the activities involved (i) the solicitation, making or acceptance of contributions to the candidate's campaign, or (ii) communications expressly advocating the nomination, election or defeat of any candidate. None of the violations stated in this opinion occurred at the August 17, 2004 meeting.

If Mr. Zimmerman had attended our monthly luncheon on August 17, 2004, he would have known that Mr. Jindal did not showcase his platform. We have no evidence that Mr. Zimmerman has attended a KPWA meeting at any time.

Based on the above, the regular monthly meeting held on August 17, 2004 did not constitute a political event nor did it benefit Bobby Jindal's campaign in any way. We believe KPWA has not violated any federal election laws and that no action should be taken against us by the FEC.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen K. Melchers
2005 President of KPWA

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KENNER PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND POLICY

Section 1: Name

The name of this association shall be the Kenner Professional Women's Association.

Section 2: Policy

This association shall be nonsectarian, nonpartisan, nondiscriminatory and nonprofit. This association shall not officially endorse or oppose any candidate seeking election to public office.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1: Purpose - General Objectives

The purpose of this association is to work for the increased growth and development of business and professional men and women, and to provide an effective system of networking.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1: Eligibility

Individuals actively engaged in business or a profession shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2: Application for Membership

Prospective members must submit to the Membership Chairman completed membership applications, with payment of the current dues attached. All membership applications are subject to approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Honorary Membership

Honorary membership may be conferred upon an individual for outstanding contributions to the community at the discretion of the Board of Directors. No more than one per calendar year may be conferred.

Section 4: Charter Members

Charter members in this association shall be members in good standing as of the date of the signing of the Articles of Incorporation of this association, March 11, 1986, on file with the Secretary of State, State of Louisiana.

Section 5: Resignation

A member in good standing may resign from membership, in writing, to the President or Recording Secretary of this association.

EXHIBIT

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF JEFFERSON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, personally came and appeared, Fred Horton, Treasurer of KPWA in the year 2004, who under oath did declare the following:

I was the Treasurer for KPWA in 2004, and as such handled the money and reservations for the August 17, 2004 luncheon.

No contributions, donations, or payments of any kind were made to the Friends of Bobby Jindal or his campaign by KPWA.

The \$225.00 received from the City of Kenner paid for eight (8) lunches. All profits from this payment were retained in the Treasury of KPWA.

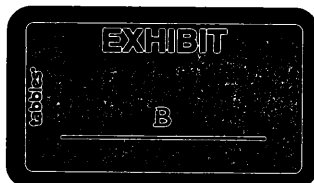
Further, I was present at the luncheon on August 17, 2004, and no political statements were made by Bobby Jindal, nor were any endorsements given by any speaker at the event. Mr. Jindal limited himself to the topic of healthcare and questions in that regard.


FRED HORTON
AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME ON THIS 22nd
DAY OF JULY 2005.


NOTARY PUBLIC

BEVERLY K. RAYBURN / NOTARY NO. 12705
NOTARY PUBLIC
PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA
MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE



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Kenner Professional Women's Association

General Membership Luncheon

Tuesday, August 17, 2004 / 11:30 am Luncheon

Chateau Golf & Country Club Grand Ballroom 3600 Chateau Blvd. Kenner, LA 70065

Guest Speaker: Bobby Jindal

Topic: Health Care in the United States and the State of Louisiana

Due to the anticipated large attendance at this event, KPWA is requesting that reservations be made and paid in advance. We are offering **tables(s) of 8 for \$225.00** whereon the name of your company or organization will be proudly displayed. These reserved tables will be placed up front on a first come basis. So don't delay in reserving your table(s) as we have a limited number available. **Individual seating is also available on a reserved paid in advance first come basis for \$30.00 each.**

Please complete the form below and mail it with your check payable to KPWA or credit card information (Visa or MasterCard only).

Mail to: Kathy Melchers, 909 West Esplanade Ave #206, Kenner, LA 70065

Deadline for all reservations will be **August 1, 2004.**

Tuesday, August 17, 2004 / 11:30 am Luncheon

General Membership Luncheon

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KPWA Meeting Reservation Form

Bobby Jindal Luncheon August 17, 2004 11:30 A.M. Chateau Golf & Country Club

Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax: _____

Please accept my reservation for: _____ # of Individual Ticket(s) or _____ # of Table(s)

If Company, What name do you want shown on table(s)?

Payment Options: All payments are due in advance. **No Refunds after August 1st 2004**

I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ made payable to KPWA or Please charge

My _____ Visa _____ MasterCard only this amount \$ _____

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Mail this form to: Kathy Melchers, 909 West Esplanade Ave #206, Kenner, LA 70065
Deadline for a reservation will be **August 1, 2004.**



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Please Visit Our Website <http://www.kpwa.net>

Mission Statement

The Kenner Professional Women's Association shall provide, encourage, and promote for its membership:

- * A network exchange
- * Professional/commercial enhancement opportunities
- * Economic growth and development
- * Community Service



**Message from
the President...
Mary-Sharon
Howland**

Self Evaluation

Many of us rely on others for our annual review in order to obtain feedback concerning our job performance. Instead of waiting, or if you are self employed, take the initiative and evaluate your own performance on a regular basis. This will allow you to identify areas that need improvement and with this information you can become knowledgeable about yourself and your position in the company.

When preparing for this self evaluation, it will be helpful to have a written job description as well as a copy of your company's current review forms. This will help you to grade yourself as others are being graded. If you are unsure about how to proceed, seek guidance from a career counselor or resource manager.

Once you take a deeper look into your own performance and competency, you will be able to identify strengths and weaknesses in terms of the position level to which you aspire.

Mary-Sharon Howland
Rivertown Candy Basket

P.S. The nominating committee will be calling upon you to serve the organization that has served you so well. If you would like to volunteer for the 2005 Board of Directors, please contact Melchers at 467-1092.



Bobby Jindal

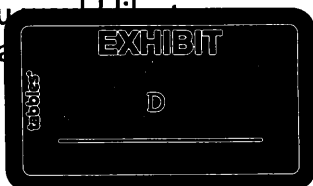
- Appointed by President George W. Bush as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — Served as health policy adviser to the Bush Administration.
- President of the University of Louisiana System — During his tenure, universities raised graduation and retention rates, and increased private donations and the number of endowed chair positions.
- Executive Director, National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare (BreauxThomas Commission) — Recommended ways to strengthen the \$210 billion health care program that serves 40 million older and disabled Americans.
- Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals — Responsible for rescuing Louisiana's Medicaid program from bankruptcy by turning a \$400 million deficit into three years of surpluses totaling \$220 million in part by cracking down on fraud and abuse. — As spending was reduced by \$1 billion, Louisiana moved to 3rd best nationally in health care screenings for children, increased childhood immunizations to nearly 90 percent, and offered new and expanded services for elderly and disabled persons.
- Consultant for McKinsey & Company — Advised CEOs/Senior Management of Fortune 50 companies.

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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 17th
Chateau Country Club
3600 Chateau Blvd. - Kenner
Networking 11:30 / Lunch 12:00

Members cost \$23, Guests cost \$28
Reservations required
Call: 962-3930 by noon
Friday before meeting



2004 KPWA Board

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Honors and Awards

- Brown University's "Top 100" alumni
- Brown University's Board of Trustees
- National Jefferson Award by the American Institute for Public Service for the Greatest Public Service by an Individual Thirty-Five Years or Under
- Christus Health Advocacy Award for Leadership
- Scholastic Update Top 10 Extraordinary Young American for Next Millennium
- National Association of Government Accountants Achievement of the Year Award for reforms at DHH
- Louisiana Association of Retarded Citizens Special Advocacy Award
- Baton Rouge Business Report's Top 40 Under 40
- Louisiana's Most Outstanding Young Man by the Junior Chamber of Commerce
- One of 20 persons in the country named to the All USA First Academic Team by USA Today
- Esquire Magazine's Best and Brightest

Personal Information

- Born and raised in Louisiana
- Married for 6 years to the former Supriya Jolly
- Father of Selia Elizabeth (age 2)
- Father of Shaan Robert (newborn)

Education

- Graduate of Louisiana Public Schools
- Graduate of Brown University with honors in biology and public policy
- Graduate Degree from Oxford University as Rhodes Scholar

Career of Bobby Jindal

Age 16:

Graduates from Louisiana Public School System

1991:

Graduates from Brown University with honors, in biology and public policy

1994:

Graduates from Oxford University as Rhodes Scholar with a graduate degree

1994-95:

Advises Fortune 50 companies as a consultant for McKinsey and Company

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1996:

Appointed Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals; rescues Louisiana's Medicaid program from bankruptcy by turning a \$400 million deficit into three years of surpluses totaling \$220 million.

1998:

Appointed Executive Director, National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, a 17-member panel charged with devising plan to reform Medicare

1999:

At the request of the Governor's Office and the Legislature, volunteers his time to study how Louisiana might use its \$4.4 billion tobacco settlement

1999:

Appointed President of the University of Louisiana System (16 th largest in the U.S., 80,000 students)

2001:

Appointed by President George W. Bush as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of Health and Human Services

Member to Member Discounts

Sue Loehr of Loehr Financial Services.

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Arita Bohannan of Bohannan & Associates, L.L.C.:

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Available for campers, motorhomes, boats, etc.

Discounts for KPWA Members

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MARK OUR CALENDARS

Thursday, August 17

Monthly Luncheon- 11:30am-1:00pm

Bobby Jindal guest speaker at
Chateau Estates. Country Club.

Thursday, August 26

BXC - 6:30 - 8:30pm at

The UPS Store, 4041 Williams Blvd.,
Raul Martin hosting.

Saturday, September 11

Fund Raiser: Breakfast at Treasure Chest Casino,
Breakfast \$10 (also includes \$5 in gaming quarters)
all proceeds to KPWA, ONLY 200 tickets to be sold.

Tuesday, October 19

KPWA Christmas Boutique

Thursday, November 4

Rivertown Repertory Theatre - "Biloxi Blues"

Saturday, December 4

KPWA Holiday Soiree, Plaza Hotel

**Your Roster Committee
reminds the members that the
2004 Directories are available.
Be sure to take home your copy.**

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS...



Tell your friends and business associates about KPWA. Remind them that KPWA is the place to network and meet new friends! Have fun creating new business opportunities. Invite them to the luncheon and Business Card Exchange.

Jeanette Neeley, Jeanette Neeley Real Estate, Inc.
New Member Director

Good Morning, I am Kathy Melchers, the first Vice President of KPWA.

It gives me great pleasure to say a few words and introduce our speaker for today. Bobby Jindal was born and raised in Louisiana. He is married to Supriya and is the father of a 2 year daughter and a very young son. Bobby attended LA Public School from which he graduated at the young age of 16. He is a graduate of Brown University where he received honors in biology and public policy. He earned his graduate degree from Oxford University where he attended as a Rhodes Scholar.

Bobby's honors and awards are impressive and lengthy and they are detailed in our KPWA Newsletter. His stellar career includes being Secretary of the LA Dept of Health and Hospitals where he was responsible for rescuing La's Medicaid program from bankruptcy by turning a \$400 million deficit into three years of surpluses totaling \$220 million. He did this in part by cracking down on fraud and abuse. As spending was reduced by \$1 billion, LA moved to the 3rd best state in providing health care screenings for children. Childhood immunizations increased to nearly 90 percent, and LA offered new and expanded services for elderly and disabled persons.

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serves 40 million older and disabled Americans.

During his term as president of the University of Louisiana System (the 16th largest in the US) universities raised graduation and retention rates and increased private donations and the number of endowed chair positions.

As Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, he served as health policy advisor to President George W. Bush who appointed him to that position in 2001.

It is obvious that Bobby Jindal is extremely well qualified to speak to us on the topic of "Health Care". Please join me in welcoming Bobby Jindal.

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